

REMARKS

The claim amendments presented above amend five claims, cancel two claims and add no new claims. Therefore, it is believed that no extra claim fees have been generated hereby. Further, it is believed that an extension of time fee is required for this filing. Consequently, a Petition for an Extension of Time accompanies this filing.

Sections 1 and 2 of the Office Action object to claims 5, 8, 22 and 25. Claims 8 and 25 have been canceled via the amendments presented above. Claims 5 and 22 have been amended to overcome the objection. It is believed that page 8, lines 6-12, of the specification supports the claims as currently presented.

Section 3 of the Office Action rejects claims 1, 3, 5, 8-10, 14, 18, 20, 22 and 25-26 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,804,949 of Faulkerson. Sections 4 and 5 of the Office Action also base their rejections on Faulkerson, but in combination with U.S. Patent No. 4,752,965 of Dunkley et al. Applicants believe that the pending claims are allowable over the cited references.

The amendments to claims 1, 10 and 18 have been made to clarify that the data collection apparatus of the pending claims is more than a peripheral device for a computer as disclosed in the cited Faulkerson reference. Rather, claims 1 and 18 present a user-supported computer system that can both read data optically and display data to a user. Further, the invention of claim 10 can read handwritten data at a distance (in a non-contact manner).

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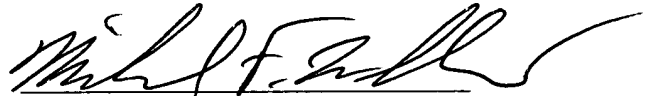
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Consequently, it is believed that the pending claims are allowable over the cited references. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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